



***Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Native Employment Programs  
Child Care/WIA/NEW  
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Ellen Wheatley, Acting Director  
Office of Child Care  
Administration for Children & Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Mary E. Switzer Building, Fourth Floor, MS 4425  
330 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Wheatley,

The CCDF Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Report for Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Lame Deer, MT, is as follows:

**1. Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies):**

- The CRRSA will be used to provide childcare assistance to Essential employees in all areas of work (healthcare, sanitation, farmers/ranchers, etc.). Income eligibility will be waived for these families.
- Hazard pay and wage increase for provider wages
- Will cover the co-payment costs for families.

**2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:**

- Assist providers in creating policies and practices via online training: social distancing, hand washing, wearing face masks and cleaning and disinfection supplies.
- Purchase laptops for providers for the online trainings, due to social distancing and the remote areas of our service area.

**3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

- Purchase Quality Items for providers and children: protective face masks, plastic gloves, face shields, cleaning supplies, for providers and families, etc.
- Assist providers with operating repairs, minor renovations and costs for their childcare family homes. (hand washing sinks, plexi-glass barriers, remove carpet, install sanitary flooring, install washer, dryers and dishwashers, etc)

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- May assist providers with stipends.
- Provide TA to providers for various topics: policy, practices, provisions, etc.
- Offer mini grants
- Provide continued payments and assistance to providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to Coronavirus.

#### **4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

- Purchase and distribute PPE, cleaning and sanitation supplies: face masks for providers and children, plastic gloves, face shields, etc. for childcare providers/centers not currently participating in the CCDF program. Bulk supply purchases in our area are very limited for families and individuals due to the purchase limit of 1 per person in our remote location. The Childcare program does have a vendor where we can purchase bulk supplies and can distribute to all the daycares and providers within our service area.

#### **5. Other**

- Hazard pay or wage increase for Essential Childcare office employees to handle additional duties: purchasing, loading and delivering PPE supplies, tracking pandemic expenses, etc.
- Hire 2 temporary employees to assist with the additional workload of the current staff.
- Purchase a program vehicle to deliver the supplies and items to the providers throughout our service area.
- Purchase any additional item(s) needed for the program, providers or children as it relates to the coronavirus.

This is a tentative plan for the CRRSA funds, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at 406-477-6238 or email me at: [rhea.bearcomesout@cheyennenation.com](mailto:rhea.bearcomesout@cheyennenation.com)

Thank you,

Rhea Bearcomesout  
Northern Cheyenne Childcare Director

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